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Report Highlights:

India's Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) notified amended Food Safety and Standards (food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011. These regulations will be known as Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Sixteenth Amendment Regulations, 2017. FBOs have been advised to comply with all the provisions of these regulations by July 1, 2018.

General Information:

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On November 17, 2017, India's Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) notified amended Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011. These regulations will be called as Food Safety and Standards (food Products Standards and Food Additives) Sixteenth Amendment Regulations, 2017. FBOs have been advised to comply with all the provisions of these regulations by July 1, 2018.

The link to the notification is: <http://www.fssai.gov.in/home/fss-legislation/notifications/gazette-notification.html> and the full text of the document is also accessible on FSSAI's website <http://www.fssai.gov.in/>.

Agency in Charge: Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GOI.

Products included in the regulation:

- Canned Tomatoes,
- Thermally processed Tomato Juice, and
- Jams, Fruit Jellies, and Marmalades.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(FOOD SAFETY AND STANDARDS AUTHORITY OF INDIA)

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 17th November, 2017

F.No. A-1/Standards/Agmark/2012-FSSAI(pt.I).—Whereas the draft regulations, namely, the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulations, 2016, was published *vide* notification of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India number F.No. A-1/Standards/Agmark/2012-FSSAI(pt.I), dated the 16th August, 2016, in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part III, Section 4 as required under sub-section (1) of section 92 of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 (34 of 2006), inviting objections and suggestions from persons likely to be affected thereby, within a period of thirty days from the date on which the copies of the Official Gazette containing the said notification were made available to the public;

And Whereas the copies of the said Gazette were made available to the public on the 26th August, 2016;

And Whereas the objections and suggestions received from the public in respect of the said draft regulations have been considered by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India;

Now, Therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (e) of sub-section (2) of section 92 read with section 16 of the said Act, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India hereby makes the following regulations further to amend the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011, namely:-

Regulations

1. (1) These regulations may be called the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Sixteenth Amendment Regulations, 2017.
(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette and Food Business Operator shall comply with all the provisions of these regulations by 1st July, 2018.
2. In the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011, in regulation 2.3,-
 - (1) after sub-regulation 2.3.3, the following sub-regulation shall be inserted, namely:-

"2.3.3A. CANNED TOMATOES:

 1. Canned tomatoes shall be prepared from selected, fresh, washed, cleaned, firm and ripe tomatoes of variety *Lycopersicon esculentum* Mill, uniform shape and free from blemish, extraneous matter, artificial colouring matter and flavouring agents, but may contain natural spices and condiments, spice oils, aromatic herbs and their extracts, natural aromas, seasoning and salt (sodium chloride) and where acidifying agents are used, sugars as prescribed in these regulations may be added.
 2. Tomatoes used for the purpose of canning shall be of the following styles, namely:-
 - (1) Peeled tomatoes which are scalded, peeled and canned as whole or non-whole; and
 - (2) Unpeeled- tomatoes packed as whole or non-whole without prior scalding and peeling.
 3. The style shall be specified according to the type of grinding or cutting for non-whole tomatoes, namely:-
 - (1) Diced: tomato cut into cubes;
 - (2) Sliced: tomato cut perpendicularly to the longitudinal axis in rounds with a regular thickness;
 - (3) Wedges: tomato cut into roughly equal parts;
 - (4) Pulp or crushed or chopped: tomato crushed, ground or pulped when appropriate.
 4. Any of the following pack may be used, namely: —
 - (1) regular pack with a liquid medium added;